rural areas surrounding Ajmer city are generally out of order and due to this the consumers are deprived of these facilities; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government for changing the equipments and improving the lines as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, PCOs generally do not remain out of order for long duration. However, some Village Public Telephones (VPTs) working on Multi Access Radio Relay (MARR) system are out of order for longer duration than normal period for restoration due to obsolete technology and non availability of spare parts.

(b) Steps being taken for changing the equipments and improving the lines are as follows:-

(i) Replacement of VPTs working on MARR system; by Wireless on Local Loop (WLL) progressively in a phased manner.

(ii) Replacement of faulty Fixed Wireless Terminals (FWTs).

(iii) Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) with vendors who have supplied WLL equipment.

Profit of BSNL

153. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of revenue and profits of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) and dividend paid during the last three years;

(b) what has been the revenue generated by various divisions of BSNL viz. (i) Wireline Business, (ii) Mobile Business, (iii) National Long Distance (NLD) ;and International Long Distance business during the last three years; and

(c) whether BSNL prepares an Annual Report and Balance Sheet like in case of MTNL and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) BSNL's

revenues, profits and dividends paid during the last 3 years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Revenue	Profit	Dividend
2002-03	25892.60	1444.44	250.00
2003-04	33918.59	5976.52	281.25
2004-05	36090.09	10183.29	1175.00

(b) For the year 2002-03 to 2004-05, BSNL has reported segregated revenues only as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Cellular	Other than Cellular*
2002-03	402.69	25489.91
2003-04	2132.66	31785.93
2004-05	3954.31	32135.78

(* Includes Basic and Un-allocable income)

(c) Yes, Sir. The Annual Reports and Balance Sheets of the Company for 2002-03 and 2003-04 have also been laid on the Table of Both the Houses of Parliament.

MoUs with Japan in IT

154. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Japan have decided to develop information and communication technologies together;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a meeting was held recently between India and Japan and some MoUs were also signed in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of MoUs signed by India and Japan; and

(d) the areas that have been identified by both the countries and the benefit that India is going to get out of these?